

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of sending an electronic message comprising:
- a) examining syntactic content of said electronic message;
 - b) comparing said syntactic content to a ~~first~~ keyword database for a ~~first syntactic match between said syntactic content and one or more keywords stored in said keyword database~~;
 - c) examining an ~~said~~ addressed destination of said message to determine an identity of an intended addressee;
 - d) comparing said identity of said intended addressee to a ~~second~~ an addressee database for an address-based match between said identity and one or more addressees stored in said addressee database;
 - e) provided that said message does not have an attachment, alerting a ~~said~~ sender of said message that said electronic message does not have an attachment, based on one or more of said syntactic match and said address-based second match; and
 - f) automatically updating one or more of said ~~first~~ keyword database, based on said syntactic match, and said ~~second~~ addressee database ~~databases~~, based on said address-based match wherein, provided that said attachment is attached to said message a frequency of one or more of their respective said keyword and address-based correlations is increased by one and wherein, provided that said attachment is not attached to said message, a frequency of their respective said keyword and address-based correlations is decreased by one.

2. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 1 wherein said a) through b) versus said c) through d) may be performed, selectively, in any order, and simultaneously.

3. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim 1 wherein said ~~first~~ keyword database comprises a list of specified terms indicating that an attachment is likely to be desirable.

4. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 3 wherein said specified terms correspond to a high frequency of appearance within electronic messages that have a high frequency of transmission with attachments.

5. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 4 wherein said b) further comprises recognizing elements of said syntactic content wherein said elements comprise a plurality of syntactic terms.

6. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 5 wherein said b) comprises:

c1) identifying certain terms of said plurality of syntactic terms that correspond to said specified terms;

c2) determining that any of said certain terms exist; and

c3) triggering said e) according to said c2).

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim 1 wherein said ~~second~~ addressee database comprises a list of specified addressees.

9. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 8 wherein said specified addressees comprise a group of recipients of electronic mail messages and wherein said electronic messages are characterized by a high frequency of transmission with attachments.

10. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 9, wherein said c) further comprises recognizing an address of said addressee, wherein said address is an user identifier, a user name, a user email address, a user Universal Resource Locator, or a user alias.

11. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 10, wherein said d) further comprises:

d1) identifying said address as a certain addressee, wherein said certain addressee corresponds to one of said specified addressees;

d2) determining that any of said certain addressees exist; and

d3) triggering said e) according to said d2).

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim 1 wherein said e) comprises activation of one or more of an on-screen display, a tone, synthesized speech, a pop-up window, and a drop-down flag, ~~or a combination.~~

14. (Currently Amended) A method of sending an electronic message comprising:

a) examining content of said an electronic message for one or more selected keywords therein, said selected keywords being of a keyword first database of keywords associated with messages that frequently have attachments sent therewith;

b) provided said electronic message does not already have an attachment associated therewith, alerting a user that said electronic message does not have an attachment associated therewith provided one of said selected keywords is located within said electronic message; ~~and~~

c) upon said b), provided that said user sends said electronic message without an attachment, updating said keyword database wherein a correlation of sending electronic messages having said one or more keywords with attachments is decreased by one;

d) upon said b), provided that said user attaches an attachment, updating said keyword database wherein a correlation of sending electronic messages having said one or more keywords with attachments is increased by one; and

e) provided that said electronic message does have an attachment associated therewith, updating said keyword first database ~~based on said content of said electronic message~~ wherein a correlation of sending electronic messages having said one or more keywords with attachments is increased by one.

15. (Currently Amended) A method as recited described in Claim 14, wherein said electronic message comprises is an electronic mail message.

16. (Currently Amended) A method as ~~recited~~ described in Claim 14 wherein said b) comprises displaying a message on a computer display screen that said electronic message does not have an attachment associated therewith.

17. (Currently Amended) A method as ~~recited~~ described in Claim 14 further comprising:

e) ~~f)~~ examining ~~[[a]]~~ an addressed recipient of said an electronic message against selected identifications, said selected identifications being of an address-based ~~a second~~ database of identifications that comprise ~~are~~ recipients of messages that frequently have attachments sent therewith;

e) ~~g)~~ provided said electronic message does not already have an attachment associated therewith, alerting a user that said electronic message does not have an attachment associated therewith provided one of said selected identifications is said recipient of said electronic message; ~~and~~

~~f)~~ h) upon said g), provided that said user sends said electronic message without an attachment, updating said address-based database that a correlation of sending electronic messages to said addressed recipient with attachments is decreased by one;

i) upon said g), provided that said user attaches said attachment, updating said address-based database that said correlation of sending electronic messages to said addressed recipient is increased by one; and

j) provided that said electronic message does have an attachment associated therewith, updating said ~~second~~ address-based database ~~based on said recipient of said electronic message~~ that said correlation of sending electronic messages to said addressed recipient is increased by one.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of sending an electronic message comprising:

a) examining ~~[[a]]~~ an addressed recipient of said an electronic message against selected identifications, said selected identifications being of a ~~first~~ an address-based database of identifications that comprise ~~are~~ recipients of messages that frequently have attachments sent therewith;

b) provided that said electronic message does not already have an attachment associated therewith, alerting a user that said electronic message does not have an attachment associated therewith provided one of said selected identifications is said recipient of said electronic message; and

c) upon said b), provided that said user sends said electronic message without an attachment, updating said address-based database that a correlation of sending electronic messages to said addressed recipient with attachments is decreased by one;

d) upon said b), provided that said user attaches said attachment, updating said address-based database that said correlation of sending electronic messages to said addressed recipient is increased by one; and

e) provided that said electronic message does have an attachment associated therewith, updating said address-based ~~first~~ database ~~based on said recipient of said electronic message that said correlation of sending electronic messages to said addressed recipient is increased by one.~~

19. (Currently Amended) A method as recited ~~described~~ in Claim 18 wherein said electronic message comprises an electronic mail message.

20. (Currently Amended) A method as recited ~~described~~ in Claim 18 wherein said b) comprises displaying a message on a computer display screen that

said electronic message does not have an attachment associated therewith.

21. (New) The method as recited in Claim 18, further comprising:

f) examining content of said an electronic message for one or more selected keywords therein, said selected keywords being of a keyword database of keywords associated with messages that frequently have attachments sent therewith;

g) alerting a user if said electronic message does not have an attachment associated therewith provided one of said selected keyword is located within said electronic message;

h) upon said g), provided that said user sends said electronic message without an attachment, updating said keyword database that a correlation of sending electronic messages having said one or more keywords with attachments is decreased by one;

i) provided that said user attaches an attachment updating said keyword database that a correlation of sending electronic messages having said one or more keywords with attachments is increased by one; and

j) provided that said electronic message does have an attachment associated therewith, updating said keyword database that a correlation of sending electronic messages having said one or more keywords with attachments has increased by one.

22. (New) The method as recited in Claim 21, further comprising:

k) upon one or more of said c), d), e), h), l) and j), adjusting one or more of said correlations in the corresponding said address-based and keyword databases.

23. (New) The method as recited in Claim 22, further comprising:

l) upon sending a subsequent electronic message, performing one or more of said a) and said f) on the basis of said k).

24. (New) The method as recited in Claim 14, further comprising:

k) upon one or more of said c), d), e), h), l) and j), adjusting one or more of said correlations in the corresponding said address-based and keyword databases.

25. (New) The method as recited in Claim 24, further comprising:

l) upon sending a subsequent electronic message, performing one or more of said a) and said f) on the basis of said k).

26. (New) The method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising:

g) upon said f, adjusting one or more of said correlations in the corresponding said address-based and keyword databases.

27. (New) The method as recited in Claim 26, further comprising:

h) upon sending a subsequent electronic message, performing one or more of said b) and said d) on the basis of said g).